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**Board of Health—Organization and Meetings. Health Officer, Registrar of Vital Statistics, and Inspectors—Appointment and Duties. Burial Permits. (Reg. Bd. of H., Apr. 10, 1916.)**

1. *Meetings.*—The regular meetings of this board shall be held the second Monday of each month at 8 o'clock p. m. Special meetings may be held whenever called by the president, or by a majority of the board. Notice shall be sent to each member of the board to attend such special meetings, and a written or printed notice mailed 24 hours before the hour stated for such special meetings shall be deemed a proper and sufficient notice. Such notice shall state the special business to be brought before the board. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum.

2. *Appointments.*—The health officer, registrar of vital statistics, clerk, and inspector of plumbing shall be appointed by the board at the first regular meeting in January following the termination of their term of office by a concurring vote of a majority of the members of the board, for a term of four years, and they shall continue in office unless removed, as provided in the public health law, until the expiration of their respective terms, and until their successors, duly chosen, have taken the oath of office and become duly qualified to serve.

3. *Order of business.*—The following shall be the order of business at meetings of the board unless otherwise ordered:

(1) Roll call; (2) reading of minutes; (3) report of health officer; (4) reports from special committees; (5) communications and complaints; (6) resolutions and orders; (7) unfinished business; (8) new business.

4. *Resolutions.*—All resolutions shall be submitted to the board in writing.

5. *Committees.*—Committees may be appointed by the board for special service, as the best interest of the public health of the municipality may require. Said committees may serve until a subsequent meeting fixed by the board.

6. *Office hours.*—The health officer, registrar of vital statistics, and inspectors shall be considered as always on duty.

7. *Hearings and complaints.*—Complaints concerning matters affecting public health or the safety of life must be made to the health officer in writing or by personal appearance before the board. All written communications must be signed by the party or parties making the complaint.

8. *Duties of health officer.*—Duties and powers of health officer:

(1) The health officer is directed and empowered to execute and enforce all sanitary regulations of general or special nature now or hereafter adopted or published by this board.

(2) To examine into the nature of complaints, made by any inhabitant of this municipality, concerning sources or conditions dangerous to public health, and when by investigation or otherwise he shall find such conditions to be a menace to health he shall forthwith proceed to have the same removed or abated.

(3) To preserve an accurate record of his official actions, and to report the same to the board of health at the first regular meeting of each month or at such other times as may be requested by the board.

(4) To meet with the board of health and to recommend to the board the adoption of such sanitary measures as in his judgment would prove most conducive to the health of the people of this municipality.

(5) To perform such duties as are laid upon the health officer by the public health law and the sanitary code established by the public health council; to maintain an adequate supply of tetanus and diphtheria antitoxin, culture tubes, sputum jars, etc., furnished by the State department of health; and to properly distribute such circulars and all printed matter relating to communicable diseases, etc., as are provided for that purpose by the State department of health.

9. *Duties of registrar of vital statistics.*—The registrar of vital statistics shall make complete the registration of all births and deaths occurring within the municipality

and, after registration, promptly forward the certificates of such births and deaths to the State bureau of vital statistics on or before the fifth of each month. He shall make reports to the health officer at such times and in such manner as the said health officer shall require.

10. *Duties of inspectors.*—Inspectors will be subject to the immediate control of the health officer, to whom they will report; they will obey orders with promptness, and when necessary relinquish the demands of private business in order the better to observe the obligations imposed upon them by their office. They shall make reports to the health officer and the forms furnished them must be filled up legibly and minutely, and any information added that will throw light on the subject investigated. They shall wear a badge of office, prominently displayed, when engaged in their official duties. Upon entering any house or premises they must announce their authority and the object of their visit, and, while endeavoring to avoid giving offense, must make their investigations with care and minuteness. When in the discharge of their duty they meet resistance, they are to report at once to the health officer and await instructions. It shall also be their duty to report all who violate health laws.

11. *Records to be open.*—All books of registration of vital statistics and records of law and ordinances shall be open for public inspection daily, at such place and during such hours as the board may determine.

12. *Duties of clerk.*—The clerk shall be subordinate to the board and his duties shall be clerical. He shall keep the books of minutes in which are recorded the minutes and proceedings of the board. He shall perform such other duties as the board may require of him. He shall report to and receive instructions from the board.

13. *Burial permits.*—Burial permits and all permits for the removal of the body of any deceased person from the city of Cohoes shall be granted and signed by the registrar of vital statistics, and all permits for the disinterment of the remains of deceased persons in the city of Cohoes shall be granted and signed by the health officer.

14. *Amendments.*—These regulations shall not be altered nor shall any of them be repealed, nor shall any new regulation be made, unless pursuant to a notice of motion for a new regulation, or to alter or repeal, entered on the minutes of some prior regular meeting, or by a concurring vote of at least five members of the board.

#### Definitions of Terms—Penalty. (Reg. Bd. of H., Apr. 10, 1916.)

SEC. 18. *Definitions.*—"Person" includes a natural person, corporation, company, association, joint-stock association, estate, firm, and copartnership. "Street" includes avenue, road, alley, lane, highway, boulevard, concourse, driveway, bridge, tunnel, subway, parkway, and every kind of public road, square, and place.

*General penalty.*—Any person violating any of the provisions of this code shall be subject to a penalty of \$25 for each offense, except when such violation continues for more than 24 hours, then such person shall be subject to a penalty of \$25 for each 24 hours such violation shall so continue. In addition to such penalty every such violation shall constitute a misdemeanor.